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REMARKS

Applicants elect claims 3-5, 9-11, 16-17 and 20-21 of Group II, without traverse.

Claims 1-2, 6-8, 12-15, 18-19 and 22-24 are cancelled without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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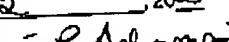
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